



Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club

Board Meeting

Point of Woods Community Center

February 21, 2018

Attendance: Marcia Adams, Thomas Adams, Frank Broderick, Ray Newkirk, Brian Northan, Jessica Northan, Jon Rocco, Ken Skinner, Cathy Sliwinski, Jim Tierney.

1. **Call to Order (Ray Newkirk):**

Approval of January 10, 2018 minutes. Motion to approve minutes made by Marcia Adams and seconded by Frank Broderick. Motion passed.

2. **Reports of Officers**

2.1 President (Ray Newkirk):

Ray reported on incident at Winter Series 4 including letter that was written. The runner involved was disqualified and advised future such actions could result in his not being able to participate in future HMRRRC events.

2.2 Executive Vice President (Frank Broderick)

Shrader scholarship program. A reminder will be sent out regarding the program.

Distinguished Service. It is posted on the website with a slider ad. A email blast will be done since closing is March 1 to Frank or presentation at the March meeting.

2.3 Executive Vice President – Finance (N. Webster - absent)

1099s was prepared by Cathy Sliwinski and sent to the IRS.

2.4 Vice President for Running Events (J. Rocco):

Winter Series has been wrapped up with the completion of WS #5 and the marathon. Participation was down at all of the races. WS #2 had to be moved to January 14 due to weather and had a 50% lower participation as a result. WS#3 was postponed/cancelled. WS #4 was down 17% and WS #5 was down 10%. Overall there were 1003 participants in the series, which is a decrease of 23.4% (without factoring in WS #3 cancellation) from last year. There were 30 participants in the marathon – 26 males and 4 females. There were participants from 6 other states and also from Canada. Winning time for the men was 2:58:04; for the women, 4:02. The series had 20 “survivor” awardees – significantly down from past years.

CDPHP Workforce Team Challenge had a committee meeting on February 15. The charity of choice was named. There had been 31 applicants and Regional Food Bank and Albany Public Library were chosen as the charities for 2018. There has been an alteration to the course

for this year to assist with safety, thus allowing the cap to remain at 10,000 runners.

2.5 Treasurer (J. Golden - absent): See attached report. Total of general accounts: \$412,323.47.

2.6 Treasurer of Running Events (C. Sliwinski): See attached report.

Winter Series reports are only ones outstanding. Also, she introduced and reviewed a proposed bank account policy which will be discussed at the next meeting.

2.7 Secretary (M. Adams): No report

3. Reports of Committees

3.1 Membership (D. Fisher-Golden): (Not present; report e-mailed)

Total membership: 2505

Change in membership: -96

New memberships: 53

Facebook followers: 2911, an increase of 12

Twitter followers: 295, +6 change

3.2 Volunteers (M. Adams): No report

3.3 Public Relations (R. Moore): No report

3.4 Website (E. Neiles): No report

3.5 Conflicts Committee (N. Webster): No report.

3.6 Grants Committee (F. Broderick):

There were two applications. One did not come close to making it since it had a limited audience. The second was from Roundabout Running Club for equipment for putting on cross country races. The amount of the grant was \$750. They were appreciative of the grant. The next cycle is July 1, 2018.

3.7 Just Run Program (K. Skinner):

The schools are just beginning their Spring session. 10 have already indicated the day they would like to attend the June meet. The paperwork is in to hold the meet at Guilderland again this year on June 5 and 6 with a rain date of June 7. Bob Oates and Sandy Morley have agreed to handle the meet again this year.

4. Old Business:

Capital Region Track and Field Hall of Fame Grant – This motion was tabled from last month's meeting for further information from the organization. The information was provided and a discussion ensued regarding the \$1000 grant. Motion defeated.

Roberto Vives Scholarship Fund – This motion was reviewed at the last meeting and it was requested that additional information be provided. A discussion ensued. Based on the additional information, Frank Broderick made a motion that HMRRRC give a \$1000 to the Roberto Vives Scholarship Fund; the motion was seconded by Jon Rocco. The motion was tabled for a vote at the March meeting.

Discussion of Appropriate Reserve Level: Ray reviewed the various ways the accountant had advised to determine an appropriate reserve level. The funds are put in reserve as hedge against risks and appropriate investment options explored. A discussion ensued. A motion was made by Cathy Sliwinski and seconded by Marcia Adams that the Club set aside \$300,000 in reserve based on its existing \$600,000+ operating income. The motion passed unanimously.

Procedure for discussion of surplus management: A number of ideas have come forward for use of the surplus. Ray has proposed that HMRRRC hire a full time administrative assistant to augment the race directors' duties as well as Board members'. The idea of paying race directors was brought forth and Ray has requested that be tabled until after the effect of an Administrative Assistant on their responsibility level. A discussion ensued.

5. New Business:

Current Committee chair Ken Skinner requested a clarification of the timeline and make-up of the Election Committee. The committee can be the same members as the prior year (bylaws indicate at least two committee members need to be the same). The committee is to formed and approved by the Board no later than March 31. The actual slate of candidates is due to presentation to the Board no later than June 30. Slate is published in August and vote takes place at the Annual Meeting in September (date and place to be announced).

Announcements: None

Refreshments: Ray Newkirk

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Marcia Adams and seconded by Frank Broderick.